

--1. (Twice Amended) A grooming and washing mitt for a pet animal said mitt comprising:

a hollow flexible body having a flexible rear side co-extensive with a flexible palm side cleaning surface so that said hollow body is flexible with an open end for insertion of a hand into said body and a separate hollow thumb portion extending therefrom,

a built-in fluid retaining reservoir for discharging fluid from, said reservoir extending continuously within said body from a top of a distal fingertip end to a bottom of a proximal wrist end adjacent to said open end of said body, said reservoir having a plurality of discharge ports openable upon flexing of said mitt;

said mitt having a predetermined denser pattern of flexible nibs on said palm side to engage pet hairs, to remove loose hairs, and to provide effective massage, said dense pattern of flexible nibs extending axially from said distal fingertip end to said proximal wrist end of said mitt and

said dense pattern of nibs extending medially along a mid-line of said mitt.

2. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 1 wherein said plurality of discharge ports extends through a large portion of said palm side of said mitt, said ports

discharging cleaning fluid over said cleaning work surface of said palm side of said mitt.

3. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 1 wherein said fluid discharge ports normally remain closed when no internal pressure is built up and the palm is kept essentially flat, but open when said palm side of said mitt is flexed in a concave configuration, said flexing of said mitt building up internal pressure within said reservoir for discharging of said fluid therethrough.

4. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 1 wherein said medially extending dense pattern of nibs includes a plurality of nib patterns having a central nib with further plurality of concentric circles of nibs, for massaging and removing hair snags and loose hairs when a circular motion of said mitt is used, wherein said dense pattern of nibs provides a substantial force to be exerted against the hide of the animal without collapsing said nibs from a perpendicular direction extending from said palm side work surface of said mitt.

6. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 1 wherein said mitt further includes a reservoir filling port and an integrally molded stopper removably attachable to said reservoir filling port.

7. (Amended) The mitt as in Claim 1 further comprising a hanging tab for suspending said mitt therefrom.

8. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 1 wherein said mitt is molded of rubber.

9. (Twice Amended) A grooming and washing mitt for a pet animal, said mitt comprising:

a hollow flexible body having a flexible rear side co-extensive with a flexible front palm side cleaning work surface with an open end for insertion of a hand into said body and a separate hollow thumb portion extending therefrom;

a built-in fluid-retaining reservoir for discharging fluid therefrom, said reservoir extending continuously within said body from a top of a distal fingertip end to a bottom of a proximal wrist end adjacent to said open end of said body, said reservoir having a plurality of discharge ports openable upon flexing of said palm side of said mitt; and

said mitt having a predetermined pattern of flexible nibs on said palm side to engage pet hairs.

10. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 9 wherein said plurality of discharge ports extends through a large portion of said palm side of said mitt, said ports

discharging cleaning fluid over said cleaning work surface of said palm side of said mitt.

11. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 9 wherein said fluid discharge ports normally remain closed when no internal pressure is built up and the palm is kept essentially flat, but open when said palm side of said mitt is flexed in a concave configuration, said flexing of said building up internal pressure within said reservoir for discharging of said fluid therethrough.

13. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 9 wherein said mitt further includes a reservoir filling port and an integrally molded stopper removably attachable to said reservoir filling port.

14. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 13 further comprising a hanging tab for suspending said mitt therefrom.

15. (Unchanged) The mitt as in Claim 9 wherein said mitt is molded of rubber.

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said mitt comprising:

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that said hollow body is flexible with an open end for
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thumb portion extending therefrom,

a built-in fluid retaining reservoir for
discharging fluid from, said reservoir extending
continuously within said body from a top of a distal
fingertip end to a bottom of a proximal wrist end adjacent
to said open end of said body, said reservoir having a
plurality of discharge ports openable upon flexing of said
mitt;

said mitt having a predetermined denser pattern of
flexible nibs on said palm side to engage pet hairs, to
remove loose hairs, and to provide effective massage, said
dense pattern of flexible nibs extending axially from said
distal fingertip end to said proximal wrist end of said mitt
and

said dense pattern of nibs extending medially
along a mid-line of said mitt.

2. The mitt as in Claim 1 wherein said plurality
of discharge ports extends through a large portion of said

palm side of said mitt, said ports discharging cleaning fluid over said cleaning work surface of said palm side of said mitt.

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8. The mitt as in Claim 1 wherein said mitt is molded of rubber.

9. A grooming and washing mitt for a pet animal, said mitt comprising:

a hollow flexible body having a flexible rear side co-extensive with a flexible front palm side cleaning work surface with an open end for insertion of a hand into said body and a separate hollow thumb portion extending therefrom;

a built-in fluid-retaining reservoir for discharging fluid therefrom, said reservoir extending continuously within said body from a top of a distal fingertip end to a bottom of a proximal wrist end adjacent to said open end of said body, said reservoir having a plurality of discharge ports openable upon flexing of said palm side of said mitt; and

said mitt having a predetermined pattern of flexible nubs on said palm side to engage pet hairs.

10. The mitt as in Claim 9 wherein said plurality of discharge ports extends through a large portion of said palm side of said mitt, said ports discharging cleaning

fluid over said cleaning work surface of said palm side of said mitt.

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